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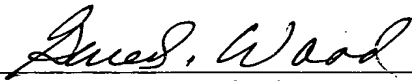
REMARKS

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended in a telephone interview on January 20, 2005. In the interview, the undersigned pointed out that the reference cited in the Office Action dated September 21, 2004, namely, "1336426," is directed to a mechanical gage and thus is not related to the art of the present invention, i.e., mineral wool plant substrates. Applicants, therefore, are not able to adequately present their case based on this reference and would appreciate clarification regarding the reference that the Examiner believes to be relevant to the present invention.

Applicants continue to believe that claims 12-26 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of pending claims 12-26.

Respectfully submitted,

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